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An Attempt to Reduce the Size of a Boulder

There was once a very large rock in one of the fields near Karakaya. This rock was in the farmer's way, and he wished to remove it. He therefore called together all of his friends to help him move this boulder. Despite all of their efforts, however, they were unable to move this huge rock. In fact, they could not even loosen it from the spot on the ground where it lay.

all sat down and tried to think of some way to move that rock. After a while one of them thought that he had a solution for their problem. "What we must do first," he said, "is to reduce the size of the rock. Then it will be much lighter, and we shall then be able to move it

"But how can we reducd its size?" someone asked.

The man who claimed that he had a solution said, "We should rub the rock with oil. Then we should bring here a large and hungry dog. The dog will start licking away the oil, but once it has the taste of the oil, it will continue licking until it has licked away much of the rock."

Everyone agreed that this was a good idea. They got a lot of oil, and they rubbed the entire surface of the rock with

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it. They then brought a large and hungry dog to the rock, and it licked and licked and licked. After the dog had been licking for a couple of hours, the Karakaya men again tried to lift the rock, but they were unable to move it even the slightest amount.